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the procurement of 2,450 freight cars, 100 refrigerator cars, 70 coal-dust-firing locomotives (conversion of standard locomotives), 1 special measuring car, 3 Culemeyer's used for the transport of railroad cars on roads, 110 cars for mobile track construction shops, 20 cars for switch construction trains, and 16 elevated railway quarter-trains (conversion of old cars) was approved for 1950/51. *

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2. This procurement program can be fulfilled only if the required materials are available. The procurement of these materials is meeting with great difficulties. The costs of the program are considerably increased by the manufacture of many parts in the railroad shops themselves. The search for the needed materials and manufacture of parts interrupt the smooth flow of work. Tubes, copper, sealing materials, screws and split pins are critical items.**

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* Comment. According to press reports the production and/or procurement of 40,000 freight cars is contained in the five-year plan running from 1951 to 1955. The experiments with coal-dust-firing locomotives appear to have met with success since the conversion of 70 locomotives to brown coal-dust-firing was ordered.

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** Comment. The difficult materials situation of the Soviet Zone Railroads was previously reported.

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